

U.S. Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/800,997  
Response to Restriction Requirement  
October 12, 2004

### REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I. Claims 1-28 and 66, drawn to a method and system for generation of printable certified electronic financial instruments, which include digital watermark for security and verification classified in class 705 subclass 33;

Group II. Claim 29-65 and 67, drawn to a method and system for distribution and verification of a printable certified electronic financial instrument containing digital watermarks for security and verifying the authenticity of the printed instrument classified in class 283 subclass 72; and

Group III. Claim 68, drawn to a printer apparatus capable of printing composite images classified in class 358 subclass 450.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-28 and 66 of Group I for prosecution in this application, without traverse.

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**CONCLUSION**

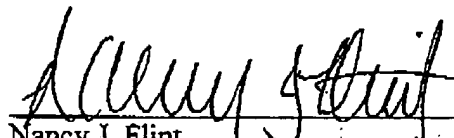
It is believed that claims 1-28 and 66 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants request that they be allowed at this time. This response has been filed within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement and it is believed that no fees are due. If any fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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